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ULGMC is nothing without its members. Make it yours by helping decide the future of the club.

Being a ULGMC committee member is a great way to boost your organisational, leadership, team-working and social skills.

See the job descriptions at the back of the newsletter for more information, or email me: Heather Rumble, president@ulgmc.org

Upcoming Meets

19-21 May, Peak Spring

Where better to see lambs frolic than the Peak District. Join Robbie at Fallcliffe Cottage for climbing, walking and fun.

Robbie Pineda: robbiemonkey15@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1486780874726364/>



26 May - 02 Jun, Cornwall Meet

A relaxed and friendly camping meet in Sennen, Cornwall. One of the best spots in the country for seeing basking sharks and dolphins, with some excellent walking and awesome climbing.

Want to submit a report?

25th August at the latest

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Trevedra Farm pitches have to be booked in advance. ULGMC have several pitches reserved but these have to be confirmed. So anyone coming, or even thinking of coming, to Trevedra Farm for the 'best meet of the year', please email.

Frances Mott: francesmott@gmail.com.



12-16 Jun, Mid-Wales Meet

Our annual mid-week meet, for those that can't get enough adventure at the weekends. Join Sue Esten for a series of walks along the beautiful Wales Coast Path.

Sue Esten: sue@esten.org.uk



16 – 18 Jun, Snowdonia Alps Training II and Welsh 3000's

A follow on from Alps Training I for those that missed it, or just want more! This time Heather is tagging along, inviting members to come up and try their hand at some Welsh long distance walking/running routes. If you've ever thought of trying some of the classic multi-peak routes in Snowdonia, this meet is for you. There are different distances members could do: The [Oggie 8](#) encompasses all 8 of the 3000ft peaks in the Ogwen Valley and is about 30km – this can be split in half. Or, alternatively, Stephan and I would like to do the [Welsh 3000's](#) again, which is just over 50km if done Caseg to Caseg (but can be shortened in a more traditional linear route). Please email in advance if you're coming, so we can match people with routes they'll enjoy.

Don't forget, several years ago Stephan set a club "champagne challenge" – a bottle of finest

supermarket bubbly for the first members to do the Oggie 8 and Welsh 3000's. Shaun West stole the show for the Oggie 8 bottle, but the Welsh 3000's bottle is still collecting dust in our cupboard and up for grabs!

Robbie Pineda: robbiemonkey15@gmail.com

Heather Rumble: president@ulgmc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/events/298467120593945/>



23 – 25 Jun, Peak Summer

Join Robbie in the Peak, this time to welcome in the Summer. Our Peak hut, Fallcliffe, is the perfect base in the Peak, whether you want to climb, walk or run.

Robbie Pineda: robbiemonkey15@gmail.com



15-29 Jul, Alps Trip!

Two weeks Alpine mountaineering. The idea is to start in Saas using it as a base but potentially moving to Chamonix for the second week. We are hiring guides for the first two days for first timers to Alpine or for experienced people wanting a refresher.

Robbie Pineda: robbiemonkey15@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1249947951693288/>



21 – 28 Jul, End of Term Escape

One of the drawbacks of having both daughters at Uni is that they won't be joining us at the Cornwall meet. Their complaints could be heard all the way from Cardiff and Northampton! In an attempt to

appease them both we are considering holding the end of July meet somewhere across the Tamar. If anyone knows of a friendly campsite that allows dogs, perhaps in the east of the county, please let us know.

Keith Mott: saymellon@gmail.com



25-28 Aug, August Bank Holiday

A ULGMC classic, which takes place at Caseg Fraith in Snowdonia. Join us for three days of everything Wales has to offer – mountains, lakes, rivers and Beddgelert ice cream!

Graham Cunningham: meets@ulgmc.org



22-24 Oct, AGM, Lake District

It's now time to firm up on those booking for the ODG in October. There will be more details about the AGM itself, along with those all-important menu choices, in the September newsletter. If you have already reserved a place I should have been in contact before this newsletter reaches you. If not, please contact me to ensure your place is secure.

If you would like to reserve a place or would consider sharing a room please let me know as a matter of urgency as I will have to release rooms back to the hotel very shortly. I would also like to know if you intend to attend the AGM but would prefer not to stay at the hotel. We can then consider booking a hut or other accommodation.

If you have any questions whatever about the AGM please contact either myself or Graham Cunningham, the Meets Secretary.

Keith Mott: saymellon@gmail.com

Graham Cunningham: meets@ulgmc.org



Meet Reports

New Year Meet, Jan

Keith Mott

I don't remember doing very much at all. I seem to recall the weather was not too kind and we spent much of the time playing cards and board games. When we took our trip to Anglesey we did not even collect any pine cones so it must have been bad. The meal was great with our usual guests and plenty going on until after seeing the New Year in. Well done to Elanor and all who joined in.

Peak Snow? Feb

Keith Mott

I suppose I should stop promising snow. A few years back we had snow on three consecutive Fallcliffe meets!

This year there was just a touch up on, appropriately, White Edge on Sunday morning but nothing to write home about. We managed a couple of walks, one through the Chatsworth estate on a rather miserable Saturday. Better fortune next time?

Scotland - Winter Mountaineering, March

Heather Rumble

This year we were treated by Robbie to a bit of winter mountaineering in Scotland, staying at Àite Cruinnichidh, not far from Fort William. It was a great chance to meet lots of the new members Robby has "encouraged" to join the club (welcome guys!) and to see Mike P, who moved to Scotland a few years ago. A group ULMC members came along too, which was great.

Quite a few of the group managed to get the sleeper up a day early so got out on to the mountains on the Friday. These guys were smart – this was the only day with any proper snow left! [Philip](#) and Henry have joined forces to let you know what they got up to, next in the newsletter.



In the absence of some good snow, the weekend turned into a Munro bagging weekend. Sam, Mike, Mark, Stephan and I went up Geal Charn and Creag Pitridh on Saturday ([route](#)) and Chno Dearg ([route](#)) on Sunday. It was a good mix of bog and slide-able snow and Sam, Mike and Mark introduced Stephan and I to the wonder of a bothy – something we hadn't considered could be used to have lunch in!

Thanks to Robbie for a really excellent meet. There were also some particularly impressive communal meals – thanks to the curry team and the bangers and mash team!

Philip Peel

Having met on the Sleeper the evening before the trip, we had a taste of the last third class system left on British railways. All started well enough with those with below deck accommodation given comfortable armchairs to doze off on. Alas, we were then awoken at half one in Edinburgh and commanded to move to a Soviet-era carriage without heating.



After a thrilling, if hypothermic journey through Rannoch Moor (an alarming number in the party did not understand the Trainspotting references) round to Fort William we collected our car and headed to the supermarket to thaw out and buy supplies for the trip. Our primary goal for the afternoon was to head into Glen Nevis and climb Sgurr a' Mhaim (an objective determined solely on the mountain's aesthetic riches and not at all because it was a bagger's outlier). The walk up was fairly steep and unrelenting but the summit itself was a decent reward. Thanks to the encouragement of the more enthusiastic youngsters and Antipodeans we then descended via Devil's Ridge which, in the mist, proved a fantastic Alpine-esque experience with one rocky step requiring most of us to put on crampons for the first and only time in the 16/17 winter season. With some fine views across the Mamore range when the cloud lifted upon our descent, we headed back to our transport and round to Roybridge.





Joint ULGMC/ULMC Meet, March

Mark Stitson

A very successful meet, with a minibus full from ULMC and a good group of ULGMC too. The hut was nearly full! Much climbing and bouldering was done.

Easter Meet, April

Heather Rumble

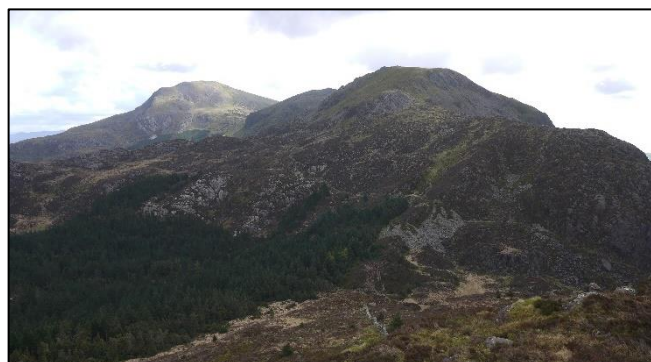
As usual, the Caseg Meet was pretty busy this year. I think there were 23 of us in all, plus two dogs. Included in the 23 were a good number of prospective members and lots of new members.

The weather was a mixed bag, with a bit of rain on the Friday. Stephan and I drove down to [Coed y Brenin Forest Park](#) (because it looked interesting on the map!) and thought it was brilliant. It was Disneyland for outdoor loving grown-ups, with lots of set MTB, walking and running routes as well as a rather nice café and a couple of gear shops. We thoroughly enjoyed the 14km Goldrush running trail, which took us over rivers and up hills – a recommended day out.



Meanwhile, the climbers (George, Abigail, Sophie and Mark) went to Holyhead Mountain to find some dry rock to climb and got a few routes in before the rain caught up with them. They then used the rain for some abseil practice behind the hut.

Saturday was supposed to be nice, so lots of people planned a big day out. Sam and Chris dropped Stephan and I off in Beddgelert while they went for a walk around Beddgelert Forest. From Beddgelert, S and I had decided to recce some more of the [Paddy Buckley round](#), stringing together some walks we've done before. Our run/walk took in the tops from Bryn Banog to Y Garn before dropping down into Beddgelert Forest where we'd dropped our car earlier. That part of the PB is really fab, with the interesting, winding Aberglaslyn Path up through the forest, the super steep ascent up Moel Hebog but an equally great, runnable descent on the other side and the always impressive Nantlle Ridge to finish. The only less enjoyable bit is Y Gyrn, which is gribbly at best. We met Sam and Chris a little while later, back in Beddgelert, for the obligatory ice cream. Whisky Crunch, yum!



This section of the Paddy Puckley encompasses Moel Hebog (background) along Moel yr Ogof, Moel Lefn, Y Gyrn, Mynydd y Ddwy Elor, Trum y Ddysgl and Mynydd Drws y Coed. Beddgelert Forest is to left

While we were having our adventure, Kim and Andy were on a run, recceing the [V3K Half](#), taking in all the 3000ft peaks North of the A55. They also had a great day out, with some rare cloudless Carneddau.

The climbers had returned to the crag outside the hut for some single pitch practice and an introduction to trad leading.

Saturday evening was also the day for the always brilliant communal meal, cooked by Frances. This year we had tartiflette, cooked in a range of interesting ways (meaty, vegetarian and vegan!), followed by a range of puddings. As usual, Frances spoiled us! Trefor, Patsy, Joy and John came over to the hut to join us.

On Sunday a few of us were a bit broken from the day before, so we (Sam, Kim, Andy and I) stayed in playing board games. Chris went for a walk over Pen Yr Helgi Du, while Stephan ran from Bethesda back to the hut, via the Afon Caseg valley. Mark and the climbers roped in Keith to join them on a very wet ascent of Little Tryfan, taking the easiest multi-pitch ascent up.

Monday is usually a short day, and many of the company left in the morning. Chris, Sam, Stephan and I went for a short walk, led by Chris, also in the area of Afon Caseg. I was being particularly useless and not really paying attention, so am not entirely sure where we went, except that it may have included Drosgl and was via a mountain hare – visible on any good map.

Meanwhile, Mark, George and Abigail went to Dinorwic for a wander, while Sophie joined her sister at Milestone Butress for a climb.

As usual, a lovely meet over Easter. I think it was one of the most diverse Easter Meets we've had for a while, with lots of people walking, climbing and running. Not only that, but actually getting up early to do so and having proper, serious days out. If we're not careful, we shall lose our reputation as being a drinking club with a climbing problem... !

Alps Training Weekend, Caseg, May

Henry Dobson

This weekend Wales delighted us with unexpected sunny weather for all of Saturday and most of Sunday with light rain in the afternoon.

On Saturday Rob Conway, Tomasz Smith and myself decided very last minute to venture out and climb Parson's nose. After scrambling together some stuff that resembled something of a rack, together with one half rope, out we went into the morning sunshine



feeling bloody fantastic.

With not a soul to be seen ahead of us we venture up the rocky winding path, past Billy the sheep who I'd met one month prior on a previous trip, up a short scramble and over to the base of Parson's nose. After

a bit of fuffing and rock gazing, Tom took the lead and we decided to scramble the first pitch until things got a little more challenging. Ascending the ridgeline certainly kept us guessing as to whether we pitch or scramble, and it was Rob who summed it up best by describing Parson (things got personal) as suffering from an "identity crisis" - hard pitches interspersed with easy scramble then a short slab (made all the more difficult in boots) then more scramble and another hard pitch. One thing's for sure, Parson certainly kept us on our toes and thinking the whole time. Topping out was like ascending into heaven - beautiful soft afternoon sunshine made for glorious views right across western Wales, both inland and out to sea where tiny white yachts could be seen sailing down the windy coastline.

Staring us in the face was Mt. Snowdon and with a quick conference on whether we head for the summit or not, it seemed only rude not to, so on we went with a spring in our step. From our position Snowden

appeared to be crawling with ants and the closer we came to the main path I could hardly believe just how many human beings there were all strolling up and down drinking lattes in their track suit pants and hoodies. My blissful ignorance had me thinking that Snowdon summit would be far too remote and treacherous for ants in tracksuit pants; how naive I was. After pointing our fingers and guessing at towns and places on the far horizon we set off and headed down the adjacent ridgeline to the south of Parson's Nose, passing a few of Billy's old friends along the way, resting on green grassy knolls, unwanting the warm afternoon sun to disappear. But thought of a cold beer keep us moving rather quickly, as did that of a hot shower all before one of Robbie and Annie's famous chicken/ veggie curries which were damn delicious.

Sunday morning was again delightful but it wasn't long before the clouds moved in and some gentle rain forced us to don our wet weather jackets. Robbie, Annie, Chris, Phil and myself all practiced abseiling, setting anchors and Phil taught me how to prusik up a rope looking most uncoordinated. It was a delightful day of literally relearning the ropes while taking it nice and easy alongside the majestic Tryfan, at Caseg Fraith.

Fancy running a new meet?

Contact the meets secretary:

meets@ulgmc.org.uk

News from Members

Skiing the Trolls Trail – Norway, March 2017

Stephen Olivant

During the last five years of snowy winter adventures, I have stopped alpine ski touring and replaced it with cross country skiing. I have started entering ski

marathons every year, and there's a lot to learn about the technique of endurance racing..... I am used to being overtaken by chatting school children and relaxed-looking housewives. In addition, I have become addicted to the simplicity and freedom of long distance touring trips on skinny cross country skis.



After competing in an almost snowless Estonian ski marathon in February, I travelled to western Norway in March to join a friendly group of six led by Lindsay Cannon of 'Tracks & Trails' to ski the Trolls Trail. This trail stretches 165k southwards from Hovringen (at the entrance to the Rondane National Park) through remote and beautiful landscapes to Lillehammer on the coast.



We skied for six days, with some 20k+ days and other 30k+ days, and stayed in remote-feeling hotels, cabins and a small self-catering DNT hut. Our luggage was transported separately, so we skied with day packs. All the overnight stops were welcoming, comfortable, and had that special Norwegian folksy

character. We ate very good meals throughout the trip, but I went teetotal after the first small beer..... it didn't taste worth £7.50



Every day, the skiing was just so enjoyable. The snow conditions were excellent and the trail took us through ever-changing scenery. Early days - high up on a featureless plateau with distant views and vast skies, later - a long stretch across a large frozen lake, other days - through undulating woods and wide open farmland. The weather was kind to us and we escaped the previous week's strong winds and white-outs. We had light breezes and cloudy/sunny days with just an hour of snowfall late in the week to refresh the white blanket on fields, woods and trails.



Lindsay was an excellent guide. She was always fun.....always working at keeping the group together.....always checking we were on the route..... always predicting the correct waxes for our skis for that day. I had been impressed with the 'Tracks &

Trails guiding on the Swiss Jura trail last year and Lindsay's leadership on this trip had a similar quality and commitment.

So if you are fed up with crowded downhill pistes and ski lift queues, enjoy a real physical challenge (equal to a long run or a bike ride), spend too much of the winter in a gym, intrigued by the idea of gliding silently through snowy wonderlands..... why not give cross-country skiing a go?

Success for ULGMC at the Great Lakeland 3Day

Heather Rumble

This year five club members entered the [Great Lakeland 3Day](#) in May. GL3D is a mountain marathon in essence, but is less competitive, with kit transport, free cake and hot water and a beer tent every night. Navigation, as usual on a mountain marathon, is necessary, but is less tricky on this event than on "normal" MM's. Nevertheless, the days themselves are a real challenge, with lots of ascent through the best the Lakes has to offer. The biggest challenge is staying injury free over the three days.



The race started in Coniston this year, with overnight camps in Oxendale and Dunnerdale. Unlike last year, when lots of competitors had their tents blown into smithereens, we had amazing weather. The Lakes has been unusually dry this year, causing concern on some fronts but helping with running immensely. Running downhill and over rocks was a particular joy, as was sitting outside in the evenings enjoying the last of the day's sun.

For me, the race included my first tour of Scafell and Scafell Pike, via Foxes Tarn (this was a non-negotiable race rule). Running along the River Duddon on Day 3 was also a particular highlight – a proper adventure,

with tree roots, rocks, a few sheer drops above the river and plenty of bog to contend with!

You can see the routes Stephan and I took here: [Day 1](#); [Day 2](#); [Day 3](#).

Although the journey through the Lakes is the main feature of the event, ULGMC also held their own in terms of rank. Sam and Mike covered 59km with 3850m of ascent on their course, ranking 10th and 21st respectively out of c51 starters. Ian, Stephan and myself covered 88km with 5800m of ascent and ranked 6th, 13th and 14th respectively, out of c118 starters. Brilliant performances, especially from first-time competitors Ian and Sam!



If anyone is interested in the event, or in mountain marathons in general, let us know: president@ulgmc.org

Club News

A Synopsis of Club News and Events, by Jill Bennett (Club Archivist) is appended to this newsletter. It is the first despatch aimed at bringing up to date the Club history 'The ULGMC at 50', publ. May 2000. Happy reading!

Welcome to New Members!

A warm welcome to new members: Andrew Cox, Kim Coverdale, Gary Smales, John Foster, Ian Ross, Alastair Dean, Adam Sliti, Clare Stott, Annie Ives, Robin Dent, Chris Herbert, Francis Hardy (well, sort of!), Tomasz Smith, Lee Giles, Philip Peel, Henry Dobson, Sophie Drew, Joe Kavanagh, Samantha Gilbert and Dakotah

Shirfield. We hope to see you all on a mountain one day soon!

Presidents Report

Heather Rumble

This year has gotten off to a great start, with some really busy meets. While Caseg meets are always popular, we've seen good numbers on Fallcliffe meets as well as on the Winter Mountaineering meet in Scotland. We've also been (dare I say it) incredibly lucky with the weather this year, with barely a drop of rain in sight.

So I hope that this trend continues and that everyone has an excellent adventure-filled summer with friends made in the club.

If you are out walking on the hills in the next few weeks, perhaps, in the spirit of Theresa May, have a think about whether you'd like a bit more of a say in the governance of the country ULGMC. We're looking for new ideas and fresh faces on the committee, so it's the perfect time to make ULGMC a club that works for you. Please contact me if you're interested.

Happy adventuring! Heather

Membership Sec & Treasurer's Report

Stephan Tietz

It has been a very busy few months since I last wrote one of these. Personally I have moved and changed my job in order to cut my daily commute, which should help with staying on top of club admin. With the club, I have been in Scotland (sadly without snow, but almost doubling my Munroe count), raced the Marmot Dark Mountains and Great Lakeland 3Day and enjoyed a fabulous Easter in Snowdonia.

But back to club admin, by now you should have either received a membership card or heard from me directly. If you haven't then either something has gone amiss or you haven't renewed your membership for 2017. You can renew by post: Stephan Tietz,

Membership Secretary, 1 Braishfield Road, Havant, PO9 2HS; by email (members@ulgmc.org.uk) or online <http://members.ulgmc.org.uk/renewal> (user: london, pw: caseg). A renewal form and the BMC's multiple membership refund form are attached.

The membership fees for 2017 are unchanged: £20 for single membership, £35 for joint membership and £8 to add BMC liability insurance for children. There are discounts for non-UK residents of £13.25 as the BMC insurance doesn't cover them (making overseas prices £6.75 single, £8.50 joint). As usual, you can send me a cheque (payable to 'ULGMC'), make a bank transfer (acc no 04145127 and s/c 52-30-40) or set up an authorisation for a Direct Debit: <https://dashboard.gocardless.com/api/paylinks/0QNYCBJ71A> (and I will add you to a payment plan).

Pending a few payments from new joiners, we are on track to exceed last year's membership number with 173 members who have renewed/joined. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to direct debit as this has simplified renewals enormously. If you renewed before the end of March then you will have already received your membership card (and hopefully also the BMC Summit magazine with your BMC membership card). Renewals from quarter 2 have been processed and I will get cards to the printers soon.

Total donations of £316 have been sent to Mountain Rescue England & Wales, Mountain Rescue Scotland, Search and Rescue Dog Association, Friends of the Lake District and Snowdonia Society. The club officers have decided to award the £400 put aside for the "Training and Expedition Fund" to Robby Pineda's application to subsidise hiring guides on the ULGMC Alpine trip later in the year. Congratulations, we are looking forward to the meet report!

I am finishing up club accounts for 2016, but still need to collect all the committee expenses and once that is done they can go to the scrutineer. So far, we have

a small surplus of c£80. I am on track for stepping down as treasurer and membership secretary at the AGM in October. However, I am missing a minor detail: So far I have not heard from anyone who is interested in taking up the reins. Do give me a shout if you want to know what the role involves.

As always, if you do have any comments or queries, please email (members@ulgmc.org.uk) or telephone (07984 583146, evenings and weekends). Also, don't hesitate to contact me if you are planning on booking huts for meets and need to put down a deposit.

Expedition Fund Result

This year we were offering a rollover expedition fund - £400 to a member that applied to use the money to provide training for ULGMC members or to go towards an expedition for members. We only had one applicant this year, but it was an excellent one.

The committee are pleased to announce that the Expedition Fund 2017 goes to Robbie Pineda. The £400 will subsidise two days of guiding in the Swiss Alps on the ULGMC Alps Trip this year. Unlike in previous years, this means Robbie has been able to take first-time mountaineers on the trip, growing the number of ULGMC members that are competent in Alpine climbing and keeping them safe on the hills. Well done Robbie, we look forward to hearing all about the trip on your return.

Please look out for the expedition fund again next year. It's a great opportunity to do something a little out of the ordinary.

New Logo for ULGMC

Eagle eyed readers among you may realise that we have a new, sharper looking ULGMC logo. We got a proper graphic designer to smarten it up a bit this time. If you need a high resolution version, please email the committee.



Merchandise

Several people have asked the committee about organising a new run of merchandise. With lots of new members having joined recently, we think this is a good idea. If anyone would like to organise or help organise a run of merchandise, please send us an email.

In the meantime, we do still have stock from the last run of ULGMC T-Shirts:

3 x Medium red men's cotton tee, £9 + P&P



1 x Medium navy men's cotton tee (image shows black tee), £11 + P&P



Hut News

How to Book: Caseg Fraith

1. Everything you need is on the new online booking system: <http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/huts/caseg/book>
2. Check the availability at the bottom of the page.
3. Fill in the booking form.
4. You will then receive an email from the booking secretary telling you if your booking has been successful, the room you have been allocated, the key code for the door and your parking permit number.

5. Please remember:

- If for some reason you cannot use the booking form, the booking secretary can be contacted via: caseg@ulgmc.org.uk
- If you are visiting the hut on a club meet, the meet dates outlined by the meet leader are the **only** dates booked. If you wish to stay longer, please follow the procedure above and inform the meet leader you have done so.
- **Caseg, Fallcliffe and ULGMC are all run by volunteers.**

Whilst key codes for doors have made access easier in some ways, to guarantee access you still need to book in advance to give people a chance to process your booking.

The earlier you book, the more chance you have of getting a place.

How to Book: Fallcliffe Cottage

1. Send the hut warden a message via: <http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/contact/fallcliffe>
2. Include in your message:
 - a. How many people are staying
 - b. How many cars you will have
 - c. The dates you wish to book
 - d. How many ULGMC, ULMC or UoL members are in your party

3. Please remember:

- If for some reason you cannot use the booking form, the hut warden can be contacted via: fallcliffe@ulgmc.org
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BMC News

BMC members area, Summit magazine and lost membership cards

ULGMC is affiliated to the BMC. This means that as ULGMC member (resident in the UK) you are covered by third-party liability insurance and have access to Summit magazine, discounts and some other goodies.

If you have never used the member area of the BMC webpage then you will need to register first. Visit <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/register> and enter your name and email address and choose a username and password. You will receive an email with a validation link you need to click on (this confirms that you own the email address you've entered).

You can log in via <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/login> and you will be greeted with "Link your membership to this account today". Click on it and enter your BMC membership number (you received this via your Summit magazine or it is also printed on your ULGMC membership card) and your date of birth.

Hopefully, that will just work but if not you will be provided with some information of how to contact the BMC support to resolve it.

You will now be able to "View your online membership card" (in case you signed up after Q1 or lost the old one), watch exclusive short documentaries and instruction on "BMC TV" and get access to exclusive offers.

As a club member, you only receive the first annual issue of Summit magazine each year in print. But you can easily read the other three issues online, in the BMC members area (latest issue here: <http://content.yudu.com/web/2p8f9/0A2p8gr/SummitNo85/index.html>) or via the app. Here are the download links for the Android App <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.yudu.ReaderAIR4536603> and the iOS App: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/summit-magazine-climbing-walking/id850480265?mt=8>. You will need to login using the emails and password you used for registration above.

ULMC News

ULMC Meets

Don't forget, ULMC members are always welcome at ULGMC meets and ULGMC members are welcome at ULMC meets (although where accommodation is limited members of the hosting club have priority in booking.)

ULMC are always on the look-out for experienced climbers. **If you are interested to help out please get in contact with Rob, our ULMC rep (robhardy.hardy@gmail.com).**






ULMC also climb every Tuesday during term time at Mile End climbing wall. If you'd like to join them, pop along and look out for their ULMC hoodies or t-shirts.

Meets 2017


Dates 2015/16	Location/Meet	Meet Leader
19 th – 21 st May	Fallcliffe, Peak District – Peak Spring	Robbie Pineda
6 th – 13 th May	Ardmair Point, Scotland – Scotland Trip	Janet Hellen
26 th May – 2 nd Jun	Trevedra Farm, Sennen – Cornwall Meet	Frances Mott
12 th – 16 th Jun	TBC, Mid-Wales – Mid-week Camping	Sue Esten
16 th – 18 th Jun	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – Alps Training/Welsh 3000's	Robbie Pineda & Heather Rumble
23 rd – 25 th Jun	Fallcliffe, Peak District – Peak Summer	Robbie Pineda
15 th - 29 th Jul	Saas Fee (but may move around) - Alps Trip! Email asap!	Robbie Pineda
21 st – 28 th Jul	TBC, Yorkshire Dales – Dales Camping	Keith Mott
25 th – 28 th Aug	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – August Bank Holiday	Graham Cunningham
20 th – 22 nd Oct	Old Dungeon Ghyll, Lake District – 67 th AGM and Dinner	Keith Mott & Graham Cunningham
3 rd – 5 th Nov	Fallcliffe, Peak District – Bonfire Meet	Frances Mott
<p>Please check the website for the most up to date meet info: http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/meets</p>		
<p>If you would like to attend a meet, please email the meets secretary (meets@ulgmc.org). For ULMC meets, please contact Rob (robhardy.hardy@gmail.com).</p>		

Committee 2016/17




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	<p>YOU ?</p>
<p>Robbie Pineda</p>	

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Fallcliffe



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Fees include fuel and electricity, and are £5.50 for ULGMC members and University of London students, £6.50 for other students and £9 for guests, per person per night. No individual bookings accepted except for ULMC & ULGMC members.

Bunk space available for parties of up to 15 people.

To book the hut or check availability, visit:

http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/fallcliffe_availability.html

Caseg Fraith



Lead Trustee

Mike Pollitt

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Trustee

Mark Stitson

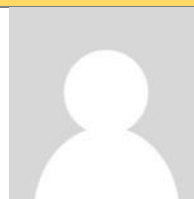
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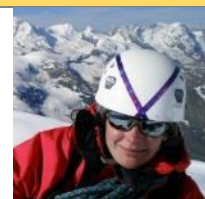
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Sally Brown



Hut Booking Secretary

Sam Hardman

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Fees, which include fuel and electricity, are £6 for ULGMC members and University of London students, £7 for other students and £9 for guests, per person per night. Bunk space is available for parties of up to 40 people.

Wifi Network: CasegFraith; Password: Tryf@n917

Strictly limited to 8 parking spaces.

To book the hut or check availability, visit:

<http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/casegbooking.html>

A Synopsis of Club News and Events

Jill Bennett (Club Archivist)

[As promised in the last Newsletter, this is the first despatch aimed at bringing up to date the Club history 'The ULGMC at 50', publ. May 2000.]

20th May 2000, the 50th anniversary of ULGMC was celebrated at the Alpine Club in London, 50 years to the day after it began. It was attended by 63 members and guests, including 9 founder members of the Club. Stephen Olivant reported a ski trip from the Chamonix to Zermatt Haute Route. (NL 188, Aug.2000).

An appreciation of **Mike Tuson**, who died in Feb. (age 65) was written by **James Webster**. [NL 189] Mike joined two Club expeditions to Greenland led by **Derek Fordham** in 1968 & 69, was a very active Hut Warden at Caseg from 1965-1970, and later bought his own boat >Ice King= used for trips to **Greenland**, before replacing it with a larger boat >Copious= in which he sailed to the **Falkland Islands** and **Spitzbergen**. [A full report on the 1971 Greenland expedition is held in the Archives, and included in the **Club History**. A number of successful ascents were made including, Janbjerg, Breubjerg, and Wenbjerg.]

Ian Chuter reported completing the Munros - for the second time, in June 2000. **Trevor Hellen** avoided the AGM by undertaking a cycle trip with other members via Everest and Shishapangma base camps back to Kathmandu. **Geoff and Margaret Batten** trekked in the Picos de Europa, northern Spain. **Liz & Dave Lindsey** cycled from Venice to the Dolomites including 6 mountain passes. [NL 189]

At the 50th AGM, **Stella Berkeley** and **Monty Avis** were both made Hon. Vice Presidents, sadly, neither were able to attend due to poor health. The Club=s financial year was changed to run in future from Jan. - Dec. with an interim financial year of 15 months for 2000/2001. The >bridge= over the ford to Caseg, built by the National Trust, was reported to be in collapse, and quotes obtained for repair. [NL 189]

Newsletter 190 reported on the **Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000** which was now in force, a landmark piece of legislation for walkers, climbers and mountaineers, as a result of much lobbying by the BMC. **Sue & Mike Esten** had 3 weeks walking in the Pacific Northwest of the USA culminating in a slog up Mt St Helens. Derbyshire County Council and Railtrack were investigating the feasibility of extending the Derby to Matlock railway through Bakewell and Millers Dale to Chinley with a branch to Buxton. (The Peak Line opened in 1863 and closed in 1958.) Some papers acquired for the Club Archives along with a missing Minutes Book, record the death whilst climbing, of member **Peter Pearce**, on Stob Coire Easain (E of Ben Nevis) on 1st March. This was not recorded in newsletters at the time, and so missed being included in the Club History. No year was given but the **Peter Pearce Memorial seat** was installed outside Caseg in 1990, see NL 150.

A breakout of **Foot and Mouth Disease** seriously affected many parts of the countryside in 2001 restricting access to areas such as Snowdonia & the Peaks, affecting the Club Meets list. Elsewhere - **John Burrows** trekked in the Himalayas, where they climbed several peaks including Yalung Ri (5630m) & Parchamo (6273m). **John & Laura Hampton** were walking in Patagonia and Chile before embarking for the Antarctic to Desolation Is, Deception Is & Two Hummock Is. Some of the party climbed Mt Don Roberts, they also spent a night in the open on the ice of Charlotte Bay - with attendant seals! **Trevor Hellen** joined a party cycling & camping from Lhasa to Kathmandu

via Everest base camp, Rongbuk glacier, and the so-called longest downhill in the world (from 5200m to about 1800m in 2 days). **Graham Elson** and others climbed 2 peaks in Los Nevados National Park, Colombia and 4 others in Ecuador.[NL 191]

By Sept. 2001 there were still some Foot & Mouth restrictions in certain areas but main tourist centres were open. Club members were active elsewhere: **Stephen Olivant** ski-mountaineering in Arctic Norway; the **Battens** in Iceland; the **Estens** touring Monte Rosa; **Nigel Bowen** attempted Mt Cook in New Zealand; and **Michael Hetherton** reached the highest point of Africa - Uhuru peak (5895m) Kilimanjaru. [NL 192]

In November 2001 the death was announced of **Monty Avis**, who had been ill for some time. [NL 193] (The following newsletter carried appreciations of Monty) Earlier in the year, the **Battens** walked trails in Oregon; the **Lindseys** were touring & trekking in the Ladakh & Dharamsala area of Northern India where there are many ethnic Tibetans and ancient monasteries remaining **Geoff Williams** went on the John Muir Trail and found the problems of back-packing all their needs much tougher than expected. The **Parkinsons** went horse-riding in Sierra Nevada; trekked on foot in Morocco and ascended Jebel Toubkal (4167m), the highest peak in the High Atlas, and the 2nd highest Ouanouakrim. Mongolia was their final destination involving more riding, boat trips and camping **Phil Williams** (1st Club President) crossed Table Mountain, up the Platteklip route and down Skeleton Gully. [NL 193]

Interested in joining the committee?

Here's a brief description of the committee roles available at the moment in ULGMC.

The current committee do most of their "meetings" virtually at the moment, because we are quite geographically spread. Very occasionally, we will arrange a weekend away to discuss club issues. We all try to attend the AGM in October if possible. Each committee is different though, and finds their best way of working.

Committee Member without Portfolio

This is a role for anyone who is interested in helping out with the committee, but who doesn't want to be tied to a specific role. CMWP's attend committee meetings, helping make decisions on behalf of the club. They also take on ad-hoc roles to generally get stuff done – this could be a clothing order, helping out with the AGM, tidying bits of the website or just being a voice of wisdom. This role is ideal for those that think they might want to take on an officer position, but want a taster first. We also have CMWP's who have held officer roles in the past, to offer advice and to help out.

Email Heather for more information: president@ulgmc.org.uk

Newsletter Editor

The voice of ULGMC! This role involves writing our tri-annual newsletter, as well as the occasional ad-hoc email with important information to members. This is a sporadic job, with three newsletters produced a year. It requires fairly good MS Word skills, though we've made templates to make this all easier.

Email Heather for more information: president@ulgmc.org.uk

Secretary

The secretary's role is to organise the rest of the committee. This means keeping a calendar of events and reminding other committee members when deadlines are coming up. The secretary also organises committee meetings and takes notes at these and the AGM. Traditionally, the secretary has also been responsible for posting paper copies of the newsletter – however this varies from committee to committee.

Email Mike P for more information: secretary@ulgmc.org.uk

Treasurer and Membership Secretary

This role is the nuts and bolts of the club – the person that processes the club membership applications, takes their money and updates our status with the BMC. With most people paying by direct debit now and a set of really good accounting spreadsheets, this role takes just a little bit of work, on a regular basis. Good MS Excel skills are useful in this role.

Email Stephan for more information: members@ulgmc.org.uk

President

The President's main job is to keep the committee working smoothly and the members happy. Sometimes this can be tough, with (sometimes) conflicting needs from members. But it's also an opportunity to take the club in new

and exciting directions, exercise problem solving skills and make a real difference to how people access and enjoy the mountains. It's not a lot of admin work, but it does require diplomacy and organisation.

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